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Letter FROM THE MAYOR

What a year this has been! As the holidays and year's end draws near, I am excited about what will take place in the new year.

Recently, we have been experiencing unusually high tides which have been attributed to the "Super Moon" and the "King Tide", both natural phenomena. On November 14, 15, and 16 of 2016, the tides were the highest. I, along with the Town Council and Town Manager, have been very concerned. We are addressing any issues regarding these recent events. Considering how high the tides were, the Town has fared very well. We will continue to monitor the situations and if you have any questions or concerns, you can direct them to Town Hall.

We are very pleased to announce that the Town of Golden Beach has earned an increase in its bond credit rating. In investment, the bond credit rating represents the credit worthiness of corporate or government bonds. The ratings are published by credit rating agencies and used by investment professionals to assess the likelihood the debt will be repaid. The Town's bond credit rating was upgraded from A3 to A2 which indicates that as an obligor, it has a strong capacity to meet its financial commitments. This has allowed us to explore the possibility of refinancing our bonds at a lower rate.

In November 2007, the citizens of Golden Beach voted to authorize the Town to issue \$14,500,000.00 in general obligation bonds for the purpose of financing various capital improvements in the Town. This included streetscape projects, traffic calming improvements, underground utilities, and landscaping and irrigation in public rights of way.

At our last Council meeting a resolution to refinance these bonds was passed. This will result in a savings to the Town of \$750,000. These savings can be used for current capital improvement projects. A new street lighting project, enhancement of our Beach Pavilion to include new bathrooms and showers, and canal maintenance are just a few of the upcoming projects planned.

Our Halloween event was a huge success as usual with hundreds of residents in attendance. Our Town sponsored events are a great way to meet your neighbors and to share in an evening of fun and food. We are also grateful for the residents who attended our annual Veterans' Day observance. We all owe a debt of gratitude to those men and women who so bravely served in the United States Armed Forces.

I'd like to wish everyone Happy Holidays and a healthy New Year. I am grateful to have served for the past 12 years and I look forward to continuing to serve the Town of Golden Beach.

YOUR MAYOR,

Glenn Singer



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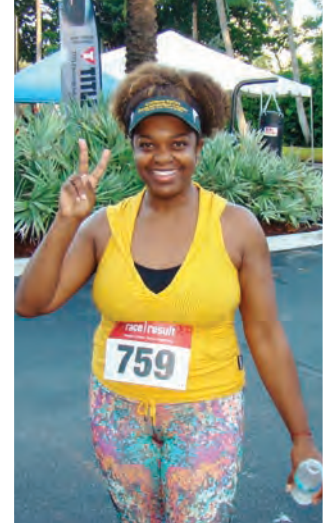
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Town's First 5K Run a Success

BY MICHAEL GLIDDEN

Months in the making, September saw the Town's very first 5K run. Residents of all ages and abilities woke before the crack of dawn to participate in the event; the morning also included a beach walk element, for those who like things at a bit more relaxed pace. Sponsors of the event set up booths with giveaways and demonstrations, everything from healthy-but-delicious treats to free kickboxing lessons! The race was a fundraiser for Best Buddies, a charity that Best Buddies International, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to establishing a global volunteer movement that creates opportunities for one-to-one friendships, integrated employment and leadership development for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The Town of Golden Beach was able to donate more than \$3,600 to this important cause.

Congrats to everyone who participated! Special thanks to Town residents: Alan Wolfson, Melissa Mandell, James Allen, Sari Addicott, and Councilmember Judy Lusskin who worked with Town staff to organize and execute the event. The Town is already setting up plans for a follow-up event next September. Stay tuned for more details!





Scary Fairy Tale: Halloween

BY MICHAEL GLIDDEN

This year Halloween came in the form of a haunted storybook. North Park was transformed into a wild land of mythical beasts and witches' gingerbread houses. Ghouls and goblins alike gobbled up turkey legs, burgers and fries and cauldrons of candy. While a DJ cranked out party tunes, guests rode on the assortment of rides and inflatables. Keeping in the spirit of Halloween, the Mayor and Town Council donned their own costumes and mixed and mingled with residents. Halloween is one of the Town's most eagerly anticipated events, and this year's bash surely didn't disappoint.









Town Celebrates **VETERANS DAY**

BY MICHAEL GLIDDEN



Residents gathered on Friday, November 11 at the Town's Beach Pavilion to honor our veterans.

Councilmember Judy Lusskin officiated over the ceremony alongside members of the Golden Beach Police Department and the Golden Beach Youth Leadership Group. The theme for the event circled around "Taps," focusing on the history and origins of the famous bugle call that is often heard at military services. Miami-Dade County Police Officer Eddy Gaitan was on hand and gave a stirring bugle rendition of the song.



Police BEAT

*A*s we hurdle towards the holidays we are breathing a sigh of relief as an uneventful hurricane season comes to a close. The past few months have been busy ones for the Department with members of the force consistently getting involved with new and innovative ideas to network with our residents. We pride ourselves on our community relations. Members of the Golden Beach Police Department are readily accessible to our residents, either through daily “Park and Walk” details, mandatory “Watch Order”, daily interactions, Beach Patrol or yearly events. We are constantly looking for ways to interact and get to know our residents and their needs, through organizing proactive community involvement, interface training, and showing accountability.



In the past months, the Police Department organized and/or participated in the following community events:

- **The “First Day of School” event was held in September.** Children in Town received special Back-To-School goodie bags including pencils, pens, erasers, healthy snacks, and “just for fun” items such as “Be Smart Stay in School” wristbands and whistle toys.

- **“National Night Out” was organized by our Police Department to inform the public about various police and community programs, drug prevention initiatives, Town watch organizations, and important crime-stopping tips, including how to burglar-proof your home.** The Golden Beach Police Department took the opportunity to showcase much of their equipment and Town Officials were present to join the Police Department, in an effort to focus and engage in community policing efforts.
- **On Sunday, September 25, 2016, the Police Department participated in the Town of Golden Beach’s first 5K Run.** Police Officers were assigned to different traffic posts along A1A and inside the town to ensure the runners’ safety.
- **In October, the Department presented “Red Ribbon Week,” a drug prevention campaign that promotes awareness in combatting drug addiction and related crime, especially within the youth community.** Red Ribbon Week provides an educational forum where residents not only get informational pamphlets about substance abuse, but they can also dispose of any expired medication, an often unseen danger hidden within the home. Once the medication is collected and impounded, it is taken by a Golden Beach Police Officer to a Miami-Dade Fire Station or Aventura Hospital for disposal or destruction.



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- **In addition to all of these programs and activities, I attended a National Security and Terrorism Conference & Workshop at the Greater Miami Jewish Federation.** Staff members joined me at the International Association of Chief of Police (IACP) Conference in San Diego, California, where former Golden Beach Police Chief Don DeLucca was sworn in as the new president of the IACP. After serving as a board member for the last three years, he will now serve in his new position for the next year.

After a year of very vigorous preparation, our police department underwent an in-depth assessment by the Florida Police Accreditation Commission. On October 26, 2016, the Golden Beach Police Department was re-accredited by the Florida Police Accreditation Commission. This accomplishment is currently shared by only a handful of agencies in Northeast Dade and Southeast Broward. The Commission on Accreditation ensures that our police department and its members hold themselves to a higher standard of policing and that the agency is accountable in ensuring compliance. Our re-accreditation efforts was led by staff members, managed by Accreditation Manager Judith Jerome, with the support of Executive Assistant to the Chief Sheila Pirrone. For a lesser capable team this could have been a daunting task – but we are very pleased with our efforts and we hope the community will share in our recognition. I would like to thank the Mayor, Councilmembers, and Town Manager, for closely working with our staff and also approving

every request and facilitating the needs of our Department assisting us to serve our community better.

Our Department continues to emphasize vigilance and proactivity. Our patrolling efforts do not stop inside the interior of the Town; we actively patrol the intracoastal waters and beach area. To further our police presence along the beach area of Town, I have ordered additional beach runs on the ocean side of Town. By utilizing the Town's closed circuit TV cameras combined with increased officer presence, residents can be assured the Golden Beach Police Department is being vigilant on keeping our residents safe.

I would also like to take a moment to honor Golden Beach Police Officer Christopher Lambert who passed away on September 17, 2016. Officer Lambert was a longtime member of the Golden Beach family, with whom I had the pleasure of working with since I started with the Town over five years ago. He was known as a dedicated officer as well as a friend to all. He will certainly be missed.

In closing I would like to remind residents that the Department has some exciting events coming up, including a “Movie Night.” Look for updates via flyers, the Town's local access channel (channel 89) and the Police LED message board.

YOUR CHIEF OF POLICE,

Rudy Herbello



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Police BEAT



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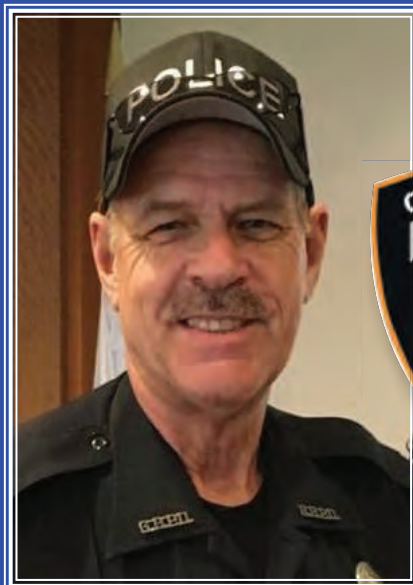
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TOWN HONORS MEMORY OF OFFICER CHRISTOPHER LAMBERT

BY MICHAEL GLIDDEN

In September, family and friends gathered at the Beach Pavilion for a memorial service honoring Golden Beach Police Officer Christopher Lambert, who passed away after a brief illness.

Officer Lambert was a longtime member of the Golden Beach family, serving the Town for 11 years, and was known for being both dedicated to his duties and well-liked by anyone who crossed paths with him; during the holidays he would leave a greeting card with a scratch-off lottery ticket at the desk of every Town employee.

Friends, family members and fellow officers had no shortage of colorful stories to share about Officer Lambert. Mayor Singer and Councilmember Lusskin also spoke highly of him, as an officer for whom they had great professional admiration. The ceremony was punctuated with both laughter and tears, but was most of all a celebration of his life.

Town Manager Alexander Diaz closed the ceremony by taking to the police radio airwaves, announcing the retirement of Lambert's unit number in perpetuity, a powerful memorial and recognition of a man who will be deeply missed.

Officer Lambert's full obituary is available at: <http://www.fredhunters.com/obituary/158046/Christopher-Lambert/>



Midnight Circus: **A NEW YEAR'S SPECTACULAR!**



2017 IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

**Join us for our annual New Year's Eve
celebration at the Beach Pavilion;
Our Midnight Circus will surely
be a wild time!**

**A carnival of amusement starts December 31st at 9pm. Join us for food, drinks, dancing, and plenty of fun!
Due to Increased Demand RSVP and wristbands are required to attend this event. The New Year's Eve Party
is a RESIDENTS ONLY event based on information provided in the Town census.**

RSVP & WRISTBANDS ARE REQUIRED TO ENTER.

**Call Town Hall at 305-932-0744 before December 20, 2016 to reserve your spot.
Wristbands will be distributed during the week prior to the event.**



Golden BEACH

DECEMBER 2016 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

December 23 *Town Hall Closes for Holidays, reopens January 2, 2017*

December 31 *Midnight Circus – Golden Beach New Year's Event -
Beach Pavilion 9:00PM*

LOOK FOR ADDITIONAL EVENT NOTICES, UPDATES
OR CHANGES ON THE TOWN NEWS STATION (CHANNEL 89)
& ON THE MARQUEE SIGN AT THE STRAND.

2017 IS AN ELECTION YEAR

If you are interested in running for a position on the Golden Beach Town Council please contact Town Clerk Lissette Perez in Town Hall at 305.932.0744 or via email at lperez@goldenbeach.us. Qualifying Handbooks will be available through the Town Clerk's office in late November, exact date to follow.

Election Date: February 21, 2017

**Qualifying Period: January 2, 2017 12PM
through January 9, 2017 12PM**



Your Town Council WORKING FOR YOU

A special message from your Town Council:

First of all, we would like to thank the residents of Golden Beach for their continued confidence in our leadership and ability to do what is in the best for our community. As a team, we have completed multiple projects to help better life in Golden Beach. Recently we have helped shape the Town's new Landscape Ordinance to assure consistency of quality and beauty throughout Town. To add appeal, along with safety, we added bollards at the Strand entrance of Town; these poles help direct traffic and add a level of finish to the Town's main entrance. As an effort to protect our residents from a potentially serious health emergency, we enacted a swift and decisive plan to eradicate the possibility of Zika mosquitos breeding in Town. Part of our anti-mosquito efforts addressed proper drainage, the curbs and gutters project, a \$300,000 initiative, helped combat areas of standing water along with controlling localized flooding. This past year we offered brand new initiatives for residents, including a free self-defense clinic, hosted by the Golden Beach Youth Leadership Group.

In the 2015-2016 year alone we heard and approved over 30 Town Resolutions, relating to policy, administration, purchasing, and other legislative acts. Under our tenure we approved exclusive use of John Tweddle Park for use of Town residents and their guests, making the use of the Town's newly renovated tennis courts, basketball courts and playground a perk available only to those living in Golden Beach and their accompanied guests. As a way to bolster our Town's police force we approved adding an additional Police Canine (K-9). To help alleviate flooding and assist drainage we approved a proposal from Southeastern Engineering to work on the Outfalls on Center Island. Adding a little summer fun to our Town's Beach Pavilion we offered residents complimentary food and drinks every other weekend for the months of August and September. In keeping the Town's finances as one of our top priorities, we were also able to upgrade the Town's rating with Moody's Investors Service, no small feat as Golden Beach is the smallest municipality that Moody's rates. We are excited as to what the future holds for the Town of Golden Beach.

In closing we would like to thank you again for your support. We look forward to continuing to service residents and their families in the coming years.



Mayor Glenn Singer

Mayor Glenn Singer was first elected to the Town Council in 2001 and subsequently elected for his first term as Mayor in 2005. He has placed the successful growth and development of his community among his highest priorities. Mayor Singer's many accomplishments throughout his administration, includes the implementation of a Marine Patrol, the establishment of the Town's canine park, overseeing the Town's purchase of two vacant lots that were subsequently earmarked for green space, renovation of the Town's Police Substation, and more recently the Town's historic Beach Pavilion. Both renovation projects were completed on time and were within the established budgets. The Town also replaced two of its three bridges.



*Spotlight on
Town Council*

Spotlight on Town Council

Councilmember Bernard Einstein

Councilmember Bernard Einstein is the longest sitting Councilmember, having first been elected to the Town Council in February 1999. He has also served on the Town's General Employees' Pension Board. Mr. Einstein has been a practicing member of the Florida Bar since 1978 and specializes in real estate transactions, title insurance, wills, trusts, and estates.





Councilmember Judy Lusskin

Councilmember Judy Lusskin was first elected to the Town Council in 2005 and is currently serving her 3rd term. Councilmember Lusskin was Program Director for the Michael-Ann Russell Jewish Community Center for 15 years where she was responsible for a multitude of programs, from infant day care to teen programming. She founded the Golden Beach Youth Leadership Group, Co-Chaired the Town's Anniversary Celebration committee, and has been an active member of several of the Town's advisory boards and committees. In addition Councilmember Lusskin is the Town's representative on the North Dade Transportation Board and is the Town's Representative to the Miami Dade League of Cities.





Councilmember Amy Isackson-Rojas

Councilmember Amy Isackson-Rojas was born in Bay City, Michigan. She is a 1988 graduate of the University of Miami Law School and is currently an active member of the Florida Bar. From 1989 to 1991, she was a Judicial Law Clerk at the Third District Court of Appeals. Since that time, she has served as an Assistant District Counsel for the United States Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

She and her husband, Tony, have lived in the Town of Golden Beach since 1991. They have twin sons, Jason and Jeremy. Prior to joining the Town Council, she was a member of the Security Committee, and she is currently a member of the Comprehensive Planning Board.

Vice Mayor Kenneth R. Bernstein

Vice Mayor Kenneth R. Bernstein is the Senior Vice President and General Counsel for Turnberry Associates, a national real estate company which has managed and/or developed more than \$7 billion dollars in commercial and residential properties.

Mr. Bernstein is a member of the Florida Bar and a Certified Public Accountant in the State of Florida, as well as a licensed Mortgage Broker. Since 2004, he has served as a Board of Director for Great Florida Bank, a NASDAQ company with \$1.7 billion dollars of assets as of March 31, 2009. Councilmember Bernstein is an active member of the South Florida community. He was recently chosen as a Board Member for Aventura Hospital. Additionally, he has been involved in numerous charitable and civic activities in Miami-Dade County including: serving on the Board of Directors of Aventura Jewish Center, committee member of South Florida East Coast Coalition, fundraising committees for United Way, and a member of the Dade Advisory Board of Extra Helpings and Daily Bread Food Bank.



*Spotlight on
Town Council*

BY MICHAEL GLIDDEN

Code Enforcement: Rentals and Transient Living

Good neighbors make for good neighborhoods; that's something we can all agree on. Golden Beach prides itself on being an amazing place to live and there are certain ordinances that have been put in place to protect the integrity of our community. One of those ordinances is Ordinance 476.03 Section 66-91 which prohibits transient use of a residential dwelling within the Town's limits.

This ordinance pertains to regulating leasing or occupying residences in Town. Should you be an owner or if your property is owned by a corporation, and you wish to rent out your property within the Town be it by entering a verbal, written lease, rental agreement or simply allowing someone to live in your home, there are steps that must be taken to register with the Town.

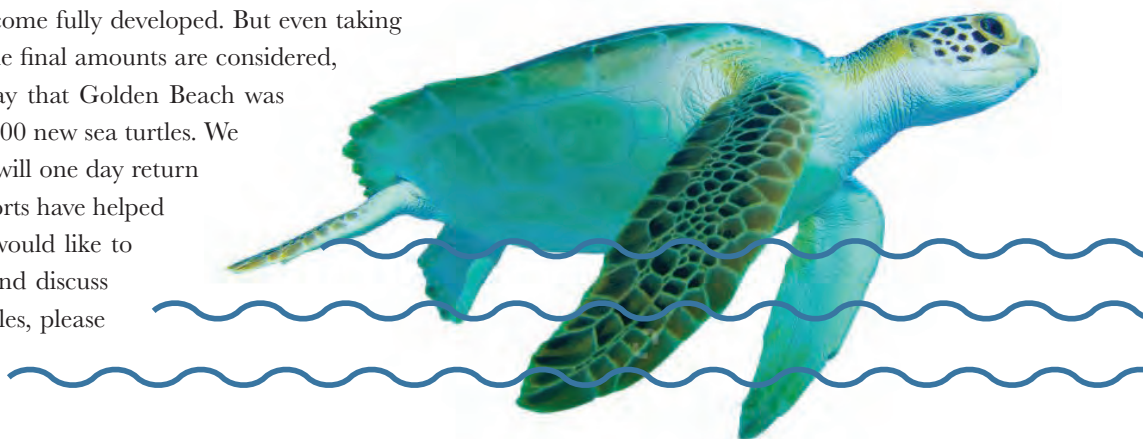
It is important to note that Town ordinances strictly prohibit renting properties for less than six months consecutively.

The Transient Living Application is available through the Town's Code Enforcement Department or by accessing the Town's website www.goldenbeach.us. A check for \$125.00 must accompany the completed application. Unregistered renters leave owners open to code citations and fines. Having registered tenants keeps our community a safer and better place for everyone to live. Please be sure to follow all correct avenues should you plan on renting your home. If you need further assistance you may contact the Code Enforcement Department at Town Hall at [305-932-0744](tel:305-932-0744).

Sea Turtle Season Concludes, Special Thanks to Residents

Mark Chibis of the Sea Turtle Rescue Program recently contacted Town Hall and would like to extend a note of thanks to Town residents who have helped make sea turtles safer on our beaches.

This year alone, there were 56 marked nests, 4 additional nests that were discovered later and 5 nests that were transplanted to help ensure safety of hatchlings. With that final tally we can approximate that Golden Beach hosted 65 nests this year with an average of 110 eggs per nest. If that is true, then that gives us a total of more than 7,000 eggs. Recognizing that for many reasons, all of the eggs in each nest do not always hatch. And it is not uncommon for only 50-75% of the eggs to become fully developed. But even taking those factors into account, when the final amounts are considered, we hope that we will be able to say that Golden Beach was able to help between 3,500 and 5,000 new sea turtles. We hope the hatchlings we save today will one day return to lay their own nests, and your efforts have helped to make that a possibility. If you would like to get in contact with Mark Chibis and discuss how you may help protect sea turtles, please call [\(954\)804-4215](tel:954-804-4215).



Get Involved: Join the Town's Committees

**Looking for a great way to help out your community?
Consider joining one of the Town's committees!**

**Below is a list of the Committees with a description
of duties:**

Beach Committee: This committee deals with all things beach. Whether it be the beautification, safety or maintenance of the beach, this committee discusses all important actions related to the Town's beach.

Beautification Committee: This committee addresses the Town's aesthetic appearance. Landscaping and the general appearances of the Town's common areas are just some of the issues the committee discusses.

Security & Public Safety Committee: Working directly with the Golden Beach Police Department, this committee deals with the safety of the Town, making sure the voices of residents are heard.

Recreation Committee: Each year the Town holds several Town events for various holidays or celebrations. The Recreation Committee assists in planning these events.

Any residents interested in joining a Town committee should send their **NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER, EMAIL** and **COMMITTEE(S)** they are interested in joining to Michael Glidden at mglidden@goldenbeach.us.

Please note that committees meet on a quarterly schedule and may adjust schedules on an "as-needed basis," meaning should special circumstances arise members can petition for special meetings and committee members will be notified of any special sessions in advance.

BY MICHAEL GLIDDEN

Zika Virus Updates

The Town has renewed its contract with Clarke, a mosquito control service provider, which will include monthly spraying Town-wide during the months of June through September. Clarke has also supplied the Town with some important facts on how to help keep your yard mosquito-free from the *Aedes aegypti* and *Aedes albopictus* mosquitos - breeds that are known to be carriers of the Zika virus.

These mosquitos can lay eggs in items as small as an overturned bottle cap! They need a minimal amount of standing water to lay their eggs, so check your yard for any place water can collect; Don't forget about little items like flower pots, pet food bowls, gutters, bird baths, watering cans, etc.

These breeds of mosquitos have atypical feeding patterns. They tend to bite during the day, unlike many other breeds of mosquitos that feed after the sun has set.

Being proactive about your property protects you most of all. *Aedes* mosquitos tend to bite close to their breeding grounds, so allowing them to breed on your property increases your risk of being bitten.

For more information on the Zika virus please visit the Center for Disease Control's website at www.cdc.gov/zika.

For additional tips on how to control mosquitos please visit the Clarke website at www.clarke.com.

Town of Golden Beach combate el Zika

El virus Zika ha revolucionado al Sur de la Florida. Miami, específicamente Wynwood–El Art District– y Miami Beach, ha sido el punto geográfico con casos registrados. La presencia de esta enfermedad, que afecta principalmente la salud de mujeres embarazadas, nos obliga a educarnos sobre qué es y cómo afecta nuestra cotidianidad, así como a emprender acciones en nuestros hogares y comunidades que nos permitan combatirlo y así evitar su propagación.

El Departamento de Salud de la Florida advierte que no todos los mosquitos portan los mismos virus. Ellos actúan de diferentes maneras y en horarios diferentes. La manera más efectiva de combatir sus picaduras es usar repelentes cuando usted se encuentre en exteriores. Es importante que al usarlos siga cuidadosamente las instrucciones, no lo riegue sobre la piel debajo de la ropa, si usa protector solar coloque el repelente después de este producto.

En Golden Beach seguimos combatiendo la aparición del virus del Zika pero es de vital importancia que nuestros residentes emprendan acciones personales y familiares para evitar su propagación. Debemos evitar aguas estancadas y expuestas al aire libre. Por ello nuestras cuadrillas de limpieza se mantienen desplegadas por la ciudad para mantener limpias y secas nuestras calles, así como por las lluvias frecuentes que se registran en esta época del año.

Según la World Health Organization (WHO), el Zika es causado por la picadura del mosquito *Aedes* infectado y sus principales síntomas son fiebre leve, sarpullidos, conjuntivitis y dolores musculares. Aunque el virus fue aislado por primera vez en Zika (Uganda, África) en 1947, no fue sino hasta 2014 que se comenzó a escuchar sobre él cuando apareció el primer caso en el continente en la Isla de Pascua (Chile). Luego Brasil y así sucesivamente en otras regiones de la región americana.

La WHO advierte que solo una de cada cuatro personas contagiadas revela los síntomas, principalmente la fiebre leve y lo zarpullidos, acompañados ocasionalmente por conjuntivitis, dolores musculares o articulares y malestar general. El virus es muy parecido al dengue o al chikungunya –transmitidos por el mismo mosquito– y su vía de contagio no es solo la picadura del Aedes, si no otras como por transfusión de sangre y contacto sexual, de allí que las mujeres embarazadas se convierten en una de las principales afectadas por la enfermedad.

La WHO tiene cada vez más evidencias de que el virus puede ser transmitido de la madre al bebé durante la gestación. Una de las principales consecuencias en el niño es la microcefalia. Se recomienda a las mujeres embarazadas evitar viajar o residir en zonas donde haya casos registrados de Zika, así como mantener relaciones sexuales seguras con sus parejas en caso de que éstos estén potencialmente expuestos al virus. Tomando en cuenta que no todos los afectados presentan los síntomas es aconsejable que las mujeres en estado de gestación acudan puntualmente a sus controles prenatales con el médico.

Si usted presenta algunos de los síntomas mencionados en este artículo debe principalmente acudir al especialista e iniciar de inmediato un reposo que le permita aliviar el dolor la fiebre o cualquier otro indicio de la enfermedad. Es fundamental tomar abundante agua para evitar la deshidratación producto de la fiebre.

Debemos entender que no existe una vacuna o una medicina específica para el tratamiento del Zika, por lo que la World Health Organization señala las siguientes indicaciones que le compartiremos a continuación para evitar su contagio y propagación:

- Evite los criaderos de los mosquitos: El agua en recipientes destapados como macetas, tobos, botellas, o cualquier otro tipo de envases son focos idóneos para la reproducción del Aedes. En caso que deba acumular agua por alguna razón asegúrese de mantenerla tapada.
- No acumule basura y dispóngala en bolsas bien selladas y en sitios destinados para tal fin.
- Instale mayas y mosquiteros en las ventanas de su hogar para así evitar la entrada de algún mosquito infectado.
- Si se encuentra en una zona con casos conocidos de Zika utilice ropa que le cubra los brazos y las piernas, así disminuirá la posibilidad de ser picado por el mosquito.

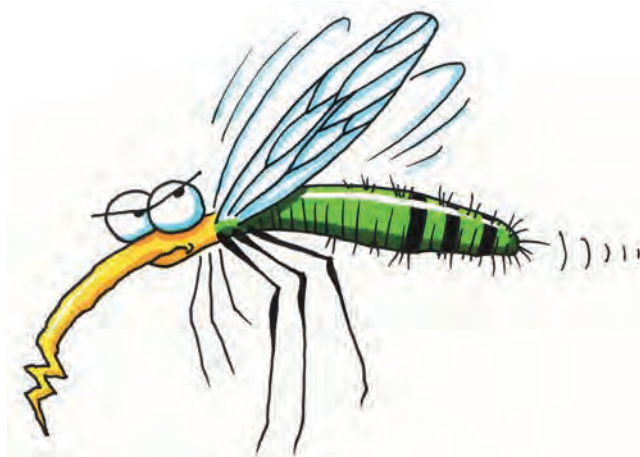
- El uso de repelentes autorizados por los entes de salud responsables de su comunidad es una buena manera de mantener a raya al Aedes.

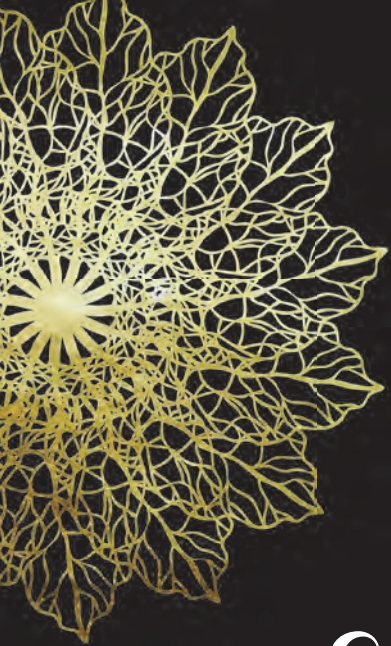
La presencia del virus del Zika en Miami Dade ha traído consecuencias nefastas no solo para la salud de sus residentes, sino que también han afectado la economía de zonas turísticas tan importantes para el condado como Wynwood y Miami Beach, puntos permanentemente visitados por turistas de todas partes del mundo.

La noticia sobre el Zika inicialmente en Wynwood paralizó la economía de la zona y ocasionó que miles de visitantes diarios evitaran ir a la zona para evadir cualquier riesgo de contagio. Sin embargo, los dueños de las tiendas y restaurantes de la zona se organizaron magistralmente para proporcionar seguridad a sus clientes, proveyéndolos de repelentes e implementando medidas de seguridad que permitan mantener el área libre de mosquitos infectados o posibles criaderos.

Igual ocurrió en Miami Beach, ciudad en las que las autoridades han estado ejecutando fumigaciones por tierra y aire, así como el emprendimiento de una campaña educativa que permita empoderar a los residentes de la zona sobre los conocimientos necesarios para combatir el virus.

Tenemos que entender que el principal aliado en el avance del Zika es la desinformación de todos los que habitamos en la ciudad, porque en la medida que todos emprendamos medidas pertinentes y oportunas para frenar su propagación más cerca estaremos de eliminar el virus de Miami.





En *Golden* *BEACH* **YA ES NAVIDAD**
MARCOS CASTILLO





El Town de Golden Beach está listo para celebrar la Navidad 2016, la fecha más especial y esperada durante todo el año por las familias en el mundo. Tras las festividades del Día de Acción de Gracias y el tradicional Black Friday se dio inicio oficialmente a la fiesta navideña en Estados Unidos y nuestra ciudad no escapa de esta realidad.

La Navidad, cada 25 de diciembre, es una fecha de notable importancia para la historia de la humanidad porque celebra el nacimiento de Jesucristo. Para la Iglesia Católica, anglicana, ortodoxa rumana y otras protestantes esta es la fecha indicada, sin embargo, las iglesias ortodoxas que no aceptaron el calendario gregoriano conmemoran esta natividad cada 7 de enero.

Para los católicos es de vital importancia recrear en algún espacio del hogar el infaltable pesebre, una escena que recrea el nacimiento de Jesús en Belén, junto a José y María, acompañados por animales en un precario establo de la ciudad. La estrella de Belén corona el mágico momento, y es además la guía para que los tres Reyes Magos acudan al recién nacido para ofrecerle oro, incienso y mirra.

Aunque existe la creencia de que el Janucá es la Navidad para los judíos, en realidad la comunidad celebra durante ocho días un milagro distinto al que celebran otras religiones: La reconstrucción del segundo templo en Judea tras la derrota de Judas Macabeo por parte de los sirios. El encendido del Menorá es simbólico durante estas fechas durante las cuales se encienden las velas durante ocho días.

Este 2016, el Janucá comenzará al atardecer del sábado 24 de diciembre y se extenderá hasta la noche del domingo 1 de enero de 2017. La tradición indica que cada vela debe encenderse cada día e ir sumándose hasta que todo el Menorá quedé encendido al final de la celebración.

Como ya es tradición para las familias, cada 24 de diciembre es un momento especial para celebrar un banquete, cuyo contenido varía dependiendo de la procedencia de cada quien, pero que sin duda es de lo mejor de cada gastronomía, debido a la relevancia de la celebración y porque es una de las fechas elegidas para reencontrarse con toda la familia.

Pero son los niños los protagonistas de la Navidad porque ya está instaurado este momento como el amanecer en el que los pequeños de la casa reciben un regalo especialmente enviado por el Niño Jesús, en recompensa a su buena conducta durante el último año.

Para el 2017 la ciudad está planificando una serie de proyectos importantes para mejorar la calidad de vida de los residentes de Golden Beach. Las propuestas están en proceso de diseño y planificación, pero en los próximos números de nuestra revista les iremos informando sobre su desarrollo y ejecución para el venidero año.

En Golden Beach también tomamos este tiempo para un merecido descanso tras el arduo trabajo durante el año, por lo que el Town Hall estará cerrado al público desde el 26 hasta el 30 de diciembre.

En esta reseña acerca de la Navidad también queremos aprovechar para extenderle a todos los residentes de nuestra ciudad nuestros mejores deseos a nombre del Mayor Glenn Singer y del V Vice Mayor Ken Bernstein, así como de los Councilmembers Amy Isackson-Rojas, Judy Lusskin y Bernard Einstein. El saludo navideño es también extensivo desde nuestro Town Manager Alexander Diaz, así como del resto del personal que conforma el gobierno de la ciudad.



Golden Beach EMPLOYEE NEWS

BY MICHAEL GLIDDEN



Town Hall Gives Thanks

With the Holidays drawing near now is the time of year where everyone takes a moment to give thanks; the sentiments are no different here at Town Hall. The entire staff of Town Hall, the Police Department and Public Works Department would like to send a massive thank you to the residents who have contributed to the Town's employee luncheon fund in years past. Employee luncheons occur the last Friday of the month for the team at Town Hall. At our luncheons all departments gather to collectively celebrate the birthdays of our coworkers for that month; it also gives us a chance to regroup and catch up with each other.

The Town Employee luncheons are a welcomed monthly treat and we are very grateful for the token of appreciation. It is our



pleasure to serve you and we thank you again for your kind contributions. If you would like to know more about the Town's Monthly Employee Luncheons or how to contribute please contact Cathie Kessler at 407-405-8595.



Birthdays in Town Hall

In October, Town Hall took a brief moment to celebrate the Mayor's birthday. Happy Birthday to Mayor Singer! Councilmember Lusskin also passed by on her birthday in November, Happy Birthday to Councilmember Lusskin!

Golden Beach TOWN NEWS

BY MICHAEL GLIDDEN



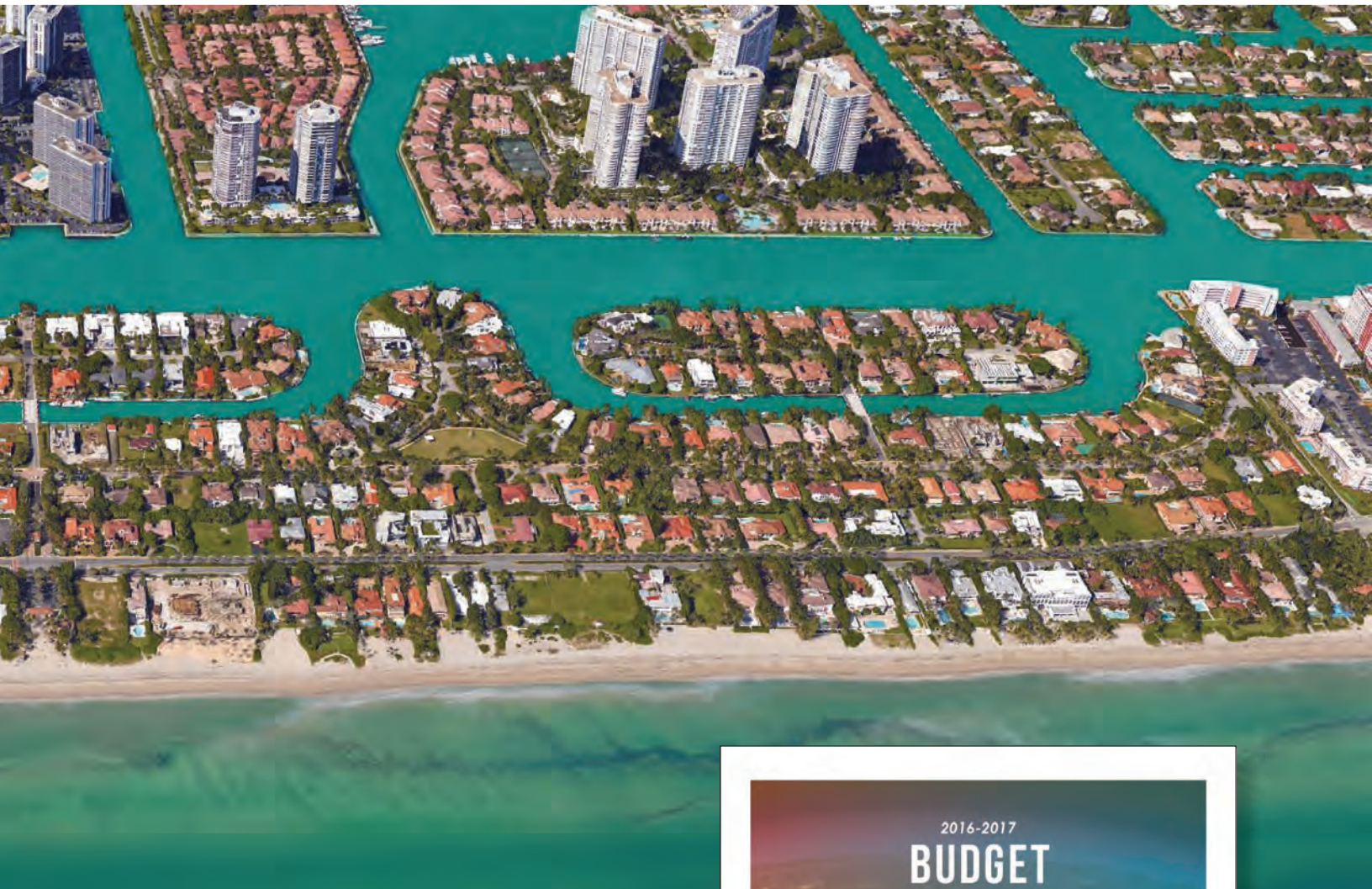
Important Announcement Regarding Town's Finances

The Town received exciting news in November. Prestigious Investor Service Moody's upgraded the Town's collective credit rating to Aa2 from Aa3. The upgrade came as a result of the Town's expanding tax base and being situated within the larger growing Miami (Aa3 positive) and Fort Lauderdale (Aa1 stable) economies, along with the Town's manageable debt burden and pension profile, as well as its stabilized financial position despite unconventional accounting and budgeting practices.

The Town's affluence combined with strict development codes, manageable debt burden to tax value ratio, and a favorable

pension profile were also seen as credit strengths. Its position could climb even further; increased reserves maintained at higher levels, reduction of debt burden and faster amortization rate and restoration of adequate balance levels in individual funds outside the General Fund could all be factors in boosting the Town's credit rating to an even higher level. With the Aa2 score the Town now qualifies for better rates on loans, allowing for future projects to come in at significantly lower final costs due to lower interest obligations.

Congrats to the Mayor, Town Council and Town Staff for their efforts to make this achievement possible!



Town Garners Prestigious Budget Award

The Town of Golden Beach is proud to announce that for the seventh year in a row the Town has received recognition for its budget. The barometer of a successful budget is set by the General Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). The Association commended the Town once again this year for its work on the 2015-2016 budget. A GFOA approved budget is a major accomplishment for the Town, especially for seven years running. Congratulations to the Town Hall staff for all their hard work in compiling the Town's budget book.





HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

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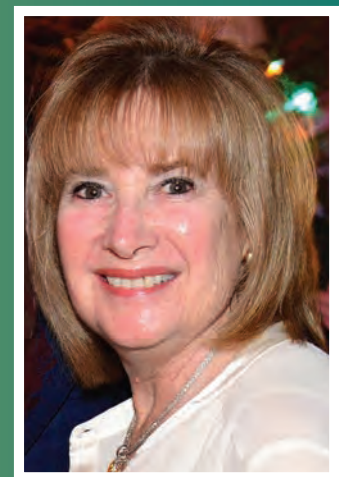




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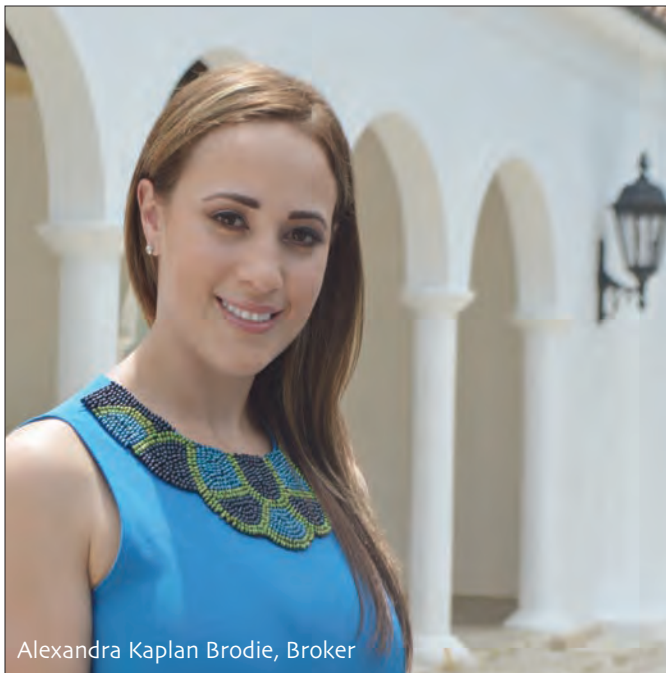
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